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SUBJECT: KWAJALEIN LAND PROBLEMS

FROM AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT.

1. GEORGE ALLEN CALLED ME DECEMBER 19 FROM DENVER. HE  
SAID HE HAD FLOWN BACK TO HONOLULU ON THE PLANE WITH  
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WAYNE AND DESCRIBED DRIBO NEGOTIATIONS AS HE (ALLEN) SAW  
THEM. HE IS CLEARLY UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE LATEST  
\$100,000 OFFER TO SETTLE THE CASE IS STILL OUTSTANDING.

2. HE SAID AMATA WAS WAITING FOR HIS ADVICE AS TO WHETHER  
TO USE THE KABUAS' LEVERAGE WITH DRIBO TO GET DRIBO TO  
ACCEPT THE \$100,000 OFFER. ALLEN EXPLAINED THAT AMATA

THOUGHT HE AND THE OTHER KABUAS COULD PROBABLY GET DRIBO TO GO ALONG BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE A POLITICAL PRICE TO BE PAID IN TERMS OF AMATA'S VULNERABILITY TO ATAJI BALOS , TONY DE BRUM AND OTHER PRO-INDEPENDENCE "MILITANTS."

3. ALLEN WAS AWARE THAT THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO MILITARY REIMBURSEMENT OF SETTLEMENT AMOUNTS TO TT GOVERNMENT BUT WAS NOT UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS PROBLEM WOULD OR HAD CAUSED WITHDRAWAL OF THE OFFER. HE

DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IF THERE WERE A SETTLEMENT HE WOULD INSIST AMOUNT THEREOF BE PAID WITHIN A MONTH FROM DATE THEREOF.

4. FYI. COL LINKA OF ARMY BMDPO, SPEAKING OF OMELEK NEGOTIATIONS, STATED, "SPEAKING FOR THE ARMY, WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT." LINKA ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE BE OFF OMELEK BY JAN 4 AT LATEST IN TIME FOR AIR FORCE TO PROCEED WITH JAN 6 TEST. LINKA ADDED THAT ARMY IS DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF ADVERSE PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPACT WHICH WOULD RESULT EVEN IF OSCAR DE BRUM'S SECURITY FORCES WERE USED TO FORCIBLY EVICT PEOPLE ON OMELEK. APROPOS, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT A COAST GUARD SPONSORED PRESS TOUR CONSISTING OF AP, UPI, SOME HONOLULU PRESS AND TELEVISION WILL VISIT EBEYE DEC 27 IN CONNECTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH THE CLOSING OF THE COAST GUARD STATION. END FYI.

5. ALLEN SAID AMATA FELT THAT HIS CREDIBILITY AS ONE WHO COULD DELIVER A KWAJALEIN AGREEMENT WAS AT STAKE AND THAT THE HICOM AND I HAD EXTENDED OURSELVES IN BEHALF OF THE KWAJALEIN LANDOWNERS TO THE POINT WHERE KABUA HAD TO TRY TO GET DRIBO'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE \$100,000 OFFER, EVEN AT SOME POLITICAL COST TO HIMSELF. AFTER AN HOUR-LONG TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ALLEN THEREFORE SAID THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO AMATA THAT AMATA COUNSEL DRIBO TO ACCEPT THE \$100,000 OFFER. I REPLIED THAT I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT AMATA'S POLITICAL STABILITY AS MY NEGOTIATING PARTNER AND COULD NOT REQUEST HIM TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO THIS END IF HE THOUGHT THAT THE POLITICAL PRICE WOULD BE SO HIGH AS TO IMPAIR HIS EFFECTIVENESS IN THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. ALLEN REPLIED THAT HE HAD DETERMINED TO ADVISE AMATA AS AFORESTATED.

6. FYI. OMSN REMAINS CONCERNED WITH THIS SITUATION SOLELY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS OF EITHER THE FORCEABLE REMOVAL OF DRIBO FROM THE ISLAND OR A CONFRON-

TATION OVER THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MISSILE SHOT. IN  
ADDITION, ANY SETTLEMENT AT THIS TIME INEVITABLY WOULD  
AFFECT THE WORK OF THE KWAJALEIN TASK FORCE. I WOULD  
THEREFORE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HAVING UP TO DATE ADVICE  
ON WHERE THINGS STAND AS SEEN FROM SAIPAN. IN PARTICULAR,  
I WOULD WELCOME THE HICOM'S OPINION ON WHETHER WE MIGHT  
STILL HAVE THE OPTION OF GETTING DRIBO OFF THE ISLAND BY  
GRANTING HIM A SIZABLE ADVANCE AGAINST SETTLEMENT SO

THAT THE FULL SETTLEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT IN THE FRAME-  
WORK OF THE BROADER KWAJALEIN LAND NEGOTIATIONS. IN ANY  
CASE, I HOPE YOU WILL KEEP OMSN, AND THROUGH THIS OFFICE,  
THE KWAJALEIN TASK FORCE, FULLY INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS.  
END FYI.

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